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#### MS Amendment

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### Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action of September 21, 2005. A petition for a two-month extension of time is attached, thereby extending the period for reply to February 21, 2006. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following:

amendments to the claims reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2; and remarks and arguments beginning on page 10.

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